

Remarks

Claims 1-6 and 8-30 are pending and stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a). Applicants have hereby amended claims 1, 4, 10, 12, 13, 16, 22, and 23 and assert that all claims are now in condition for allowance as more specifically set forth below.

103 Rejections

Claims 1-7, 10-18, and 20-30 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Collins (US Pat 6,173,326) in view of Howard (US Pat 6,601,086) and further in view of Bowman-Amuah (US Pat 6,427,132). Claims 8, 9, and 19 stand rejected as being unpatentable over Collins in view of Howard and Bowman-Amuah and further in view of Vaman. Applicants hereby traverse these rejections.

The independent claims have been amended to specify that the plurality of servers include a softswitch server which receives an instruction from the session manager and then establishes a channel between a server such as a conference server or a media server and one or more user networks.

For example, claim 1 recites a system for converged service creation and execution and wherein one of the servers is a media server and wherein one of the servers is a softswitch server in communication with the service session manager logic, the converged service creation and execution environment message bus, and a customer network. Claim 1 further recites wherein the softswitch establishes a connection between the customer network and the plurality of service servers to provide voice-oriented and non-voice-oriented services to the customer network, and wherein upon the service session manager logic receiving a request for a media-on-demand from the customer network, the softswitch receives an instruction from the service session manager logic and responds to the instruction by establishing a media channel between the media server and the customer network. Thus, claim 1 relies on the softswitch at least in the context of establishing a media channel from a media server.

As another example, claim 12 recites a system for converged service creation and execution and wherein one of the servers is a conference server, one is a media server, and one of the servers is a softswitch server in communication with the service session manager, the converged service creation and execution environment message bus, and first and second user networks. Claim 12 further recites wherein the softswitch establishes a connection between the first user network, the second user network, and the plurality of service servers to provide voice-oriented and non-voice-oriented services simultaneously to the first and second user networks, and wherein upon the service session manager receiving a request for a conferencing, the softswitch receives an instruction from the service session manager and responds to the instruction by establishing a conferencing channel between the conference server and the first user network and between the conference server and the second user network. Thus, claim 12 relies on the softswitch at least in the context of establishing a channel for conferencing between a conference server and two user networks.

As another example, claim 23 recites a system for converged service creation and execution and wherein one of the servers is a conference server, one is a media server, and one is a softswitch server in communication with the means for managing a service session, the converged service creation and execution environment message bus, and first and second user networks. Claim 23 further recites wherein the softswitch establishes a connection between the first user network, the second user network, and the plurality of service servers to provide voice-oriented and non-voice-oriented services simultaneously to the first and second user networks, and wherein upon the service session manager logic receiving a request for conferencing with media, the softswitch receives an instruction from the service session manager logic and responds to the instruction by establishing a conferencing channel between the conference server and the first user network and between the conference server and the second user network and further responds to the instruction by establishing a media channel between the media server and the first user network and the media server and the second user network. Thus, claim 23 relies on the softswitch at least in the context of establishing a channel for conferencing between a conference server and two user networks while also establishing a channel for media between a media server and two user networks.

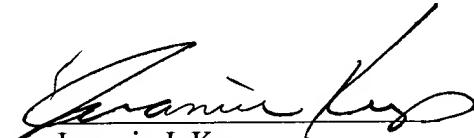
It is asserted that none of the cited references show this convergence by using a softswitch server to provide a channel between a user network, or two user networks, and a media server, or conference server, or media server and conference server as recited in the claims above. Accordingly, Applicants assert that claims 1, 12, and 23 are allowable over the cited references. Additionally, dependent claims 2- 6, 8-11, 13-22, and 24-30 depend from an allowable base claim are also allowable for at least the same reasons.

Conclusion

Applicants assert that the application including claims 1-6 and 8-30 is now in condition for allowance. Applicants request reconsideration in view of the amendments and remarks above, and further requests that a Notice of Allowability be provided. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

No fees are believed due beyond the fee for continued examination. However, please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3025.

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